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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S Minutes
Saturday July 19, 2014
12:00 PM (Arizona MST) – 1:00 PM (New Mexico MDT)
Safire Restaurant
411 E Main St, Springerville, AZ 85938

Board Present:

Tom Klumker
Tommie Martin
Lewis Derrick
Doug Decker
Caren Cowan
Drew John
Sylvia Allen

James Duffy
Richard Searle
Robert Corbell
Kendal Buzard

Proxies

Darr Shannon
Jackie Powell
Nita Taylor

Non-Voting Members: Karen Budd-Falen, Jenny Beirmann, Rick Allen, Mark Werkmeister, Joanne Spivack Jose Varela Lopez Barry Weller, David Bowser, Howard Hutchinson

The meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Sylvia Allen, Coalition Representative for Navajo County, Arizona.

Item #1: Minutes

Action: The motion to approve Approval of Minutes from the Friday March 21, 2014 Meeting made by Lewis Derrick seconded by James Duffey. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2: Treasurer's Reports

Action: The motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer Reports for filling for 2014 March, April, May and June, the June 2014 Litigation Fund Report and Six Month Annual Budget Comparison With Actual Expenditures was made by Drew John seconded by Robert Corbell. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Litigation Update – Karen Budd-Falen

Karen gave updates on the Santa Fe National Forest Travel Management Suit appeal. The primary issue is the power of a federal agency to arbitrarily select the no-action alternative.

She also commented on the suit against the Forest Service on protective measures for the New Mexico Jumping Mouse enacted by the Forest Service without any declaration of critical habitat by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

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Karen gave an analysis of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed rule on adverse modification of critical habitat and allowing critical habitat to be declared even if the species is not present. Karen is leading the suit on the listing of the Prairie Chicken that is challenging the use of a suit settlement to force the listing of a species by eliminating other possible decisions under the ESA.

Action: No Action Taken

Item #4: Consideration of Litigation on the Listing of the New Mexico Jumping Mouse

Jackie Powell presented information on the New Mexico Jumping Mouse impacts on ranching and forest access.

Action: The motion to monitor the situation and contribute \$500.00 from the litigation fund to prepare a notice of intent to sue was made by Richard Searle and seconded by Drew John. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #5: Consideration of Authorizing Soliciting of Parties to Contract with Nora Hamilton to Craft Comments on Mexican Wolf 10(j) Rule Change EIS

Action: The motion was made to allow up to \$5,000.00 from the litigation fund to have Howard seek other partners and to craft comments on the Mexican Wolf 10(j) Rule Change DEIS by Caren Cowan and seconded by Lewis Derrick. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #6: Authorizing Signing on to the Appeal of and Contribution of Funding from the Litigation Fund to the Gila National Forest Travel Management Plan

Action: The motion was made to allow up to \$1,000.00 from the litigation fund to contribute to crafting the appeal to the Gila National Forest Travel Management Plan by Tommie Martin and seconded by Doug Decker. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #7: Consideration of Authorizing Soliciting of Parties to Petition for Delisting of Prairie Chicken or Litigating Listing

Action: The motion was made to have Howard and Lewis seek parties to consider delisting petition for the Prairie Chicken or litigating the listing by Lewis Derrick and seconded by Caren Cowan. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #8: Upcoming Meetings: July 28th Conference Call to discuss comments on Mexican wolf 10(j) rule DEIS.

Adjourned at 1:35 p.m.